

# 'Twill Not Be Long . . .

*By J. NARVER GORTNER*

'Twill not be long! Our Lord whom men rejected,  
Upon whose brow they placed the thorny crown,  
And whom the world through ages has neglected,  
Will come with trumpet sound from glory down;  
And we who shall survive until that hour—  
Methinks it draweth nigh; do not despair—  
Shall rise, borne upward by His mighty power,  
To see His face, to meet Him "in the air";  
'Twill not be long!

'Twill not be long! The sound of battle ended,  
The weary march of men in arms shall cease,  
And truth and righteousness will then have blended,  
And ushered in the glorious reign of peace;  
And Jesus Christ, the mighty King of nations,  
The Sovereign Ruler of the earth shall be;  
His knowledge, while the world brings its oblations,  
Shall overspread the earth as waves the sea;  
'Twill not be long!

'Twill not be long! The tears we now are shedding  
Will all be wiped away, and, face to face,  
Beyond the shadows multitudes are dreading,  
We shall behold our Saviour, saved by grace,—  
We shall behold Him, or, in darkness dismal,  
Through years eternal we shall sadly grope;—  
In mercy save us from those depths abysmal  
And let us see Thy face, Thou God of hope!  
'Twill not be long!

'Twill not be long! The saints who sleep in Jesus  
Shall from their graves, their resting places, rise,  
And through His might, the might of Him who frees us,  
Mount upward toward the City of the skies;  
And as they upward mount we shall behold them,  
Our loved ones who were with us once down here,  
And, thrilled with rapture, we shall then enfold them  
In our arms in that bright, blissful sphere;  
'Twill not be long!

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## I AM A STEWARD . . .

Of such talents as God has given me (Matt. 25:14-29).

Of God's law as it is revealed to me (Rom. 3:1-4).

Of the gospel which has been entrusted to me (1 Cor. 4:1-5).

Of Christ's grace which is to be revealed through me (1 Pet. 4:7-11).

## WORTHY SAYINGS

By M. P. BOHNET

God wants men and women big enough to be small enough to be used.

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You will never improve when you have no other model but yourself.

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Labor disgraces no man, but unfortunately you occasionally find men who disgrace labor.

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Be careful as to the thoughts you hang in your mind's picture gallery, for you alone must look at them.

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A dying rich man said to the preacher, "I wish I could take my money along with me into the next world." "It might melt," was his reply.

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Spirit-filled Christians will never be like the rivers which flow into the Arctic Ocean—frozen at the mouth.

Questions and Answers Department

Conducted by W. T. GASTON

Q.—Why is faith mentioned among the last of the fruits of the Spirit? (Gal. 5:22, 23). Is there not some special reason for this?

A.—Many seem to assume that there is definite, purposeful order here, much as the corner grocer might arrange baskets of fruit for display, putting the luscious, attractive specimens on the top. But I see no significance in the arrangement of this fruit of the Spirit nor any scriptural warrant for assuming that one is more important than another. This is the fruit of the Spirit growing silently, without struggle or ostentation. The blessed Spirit does not scatter these fruits promiscuously, giving love without joy and joy without peace and peace without faith or any of these without self-control. But where the Spirit abides ungrieved, all this blessed array of fruit will be found in gracious profusion and beautiful symmetry.

The gifts of the Spirit are divided severally and we are authorized to covet the best, but to be entirely devoid of any one of these fruits of the Spirit is evidence of immaturity.

Q.—How may I keep filled with the Spirit?

A.—(1) By minding the things of the Spirit (Rom. 8:5; Gal. 3:1, 2). (2) By prayer and meditation (Eph. 6:18; Isa. 40:31). (3) By doing the things that please God (1 Jno. 8:29; 1 Thess. 4:1).

Q.—Where does our tithe properly belong?

A.—In the storehouse—the house of God (Mal. 3:10). The tithe should be entirely devoted to spiritual ends and purposes.

Q.—Why do some preachers have every one come to the altar after every service?

A.—There is no exact scriptural precedent for the modern after-service. It is a convenient and time-honored custom that has worked well. Should we discard it, what better method could we adopt for helping awakened hungry souls find a satisfying experience with God? However, we should guard against formality even in altar services. Changes and variety will prove helpful.

Q.—When tarrying for the baptism in the Holy Spirit, should the person tarrying seek only to speak in tongues?

A.—No, indeed! He should seek only to be filled with the Spirit, dismissing any thought of tongues or other effects. In my opinion, undue attention given to the physical manifestation of speaking in tongues, has been a grief to God and a source of weakness in this great spiritual movement. From its early beginnings wise leaders have cautioned against the childish tendency to be overly enamored with certain ecstatic physical effects. The one pre-eminent need is for a mighty onfall of the Spirit. Attention should be focused entirely upon our highly exalted Lord Jesus Christ who alone baptizes with the Holy Spirit (Matt. 3:11; Acts 10:44-46).

Q.—Will the church go through the tribulation?

A.—The author of this column will not treat any subject of controversy in a manner that might be the occasion of discord; but since this question comes repeatedly to my desk, a brief word will perhaps be helpful.

The official General Council position is well known. Stated in brief it is this: The coming of the Lord is imminent. It is dangerous to project future tribulation, the Antichrist, the revived Roman Empire, or any prophetic event between the waiting church and her returning Lord. We should watch for Him, and be ready.

It is no reflection on the Council fellowship to state that in common with other church organizations that are committed to the preaching of prophecy, absolute agreement as to this and related subjects is not in the picture. Wise and good men differ. The subject is important but not essential. One might believe in the early rapture and miss the rapture altogether. On the other hand one might steel himself for tribulation and miss the tribulation. The important thing is to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace and be found in Him. To all who preach and those who hear, I suggest caution, moderation, toleration.

*A testimony of saving grace . . .*

# From Darkness to Light . . .

By THOMAS B. DON CARLOS

At the early age of eight years the Lord began to speak to my heart while living in Parkburg, Missouri, the place of my birth; but I was not willing to surrender my life to Him. I entered my teens, going the way of sin, drinking, smoking, lying, cursing, and stealing. One day when I was sixteen years of age God's voice came to me as I was on my way to call the doctor for my brother who was very sick, and He told me that He was going to take my youngest brother and for me to draw close to Him. I went out into the woods and stayed for him but would not call on the Lord for my own self. Two years later God took my father and also my mother, each time speaking to my heart to surrender to Him, but I was rebellious and would not yield.

In 1926 I came to California and entered the trucking business in Modesto. As I prospered I was able to buy a house, and I was married. Into our home was born a little son. How proud I was of him! When the child was seven months old the Lord spoke to me as I was leaving the house one morning and told me that He was going to take the baby to be with Himself and that I should draw close to Him. Upon my return that evening he was in the hospital, and a few days later he died.

I was desperately miserable. I knew that God had taken my loved ones because of my wickedness but my heart was hard and stubborn. Doggedly I continued working hard, ever seeking for something to satisfy the deep yearnings of my soul.

But God has ways and means of breaking the will and causing the heart to submit to the voice of the Spirit. Upon my return home from work one night I learned that my little wife had left me. This was a staggering blow. But no amount of persuasion availed; she refused to return, and I was left alone with venomous hatred filling my heart and mind against the man who caused the rift in my home. A few days later while driving the car towards Modesto the thought flashed across my mind to take the life of the one who had brought this unhappiness to me. I pressed the accelerator to the floor and sped on my way, intent on carrying out my diabolical scheme.

Then it was that I had an experience which I shall never forget. Blindness settled down over my eyes. Light was not discernible. Blackness enshrouded me. But stubbornly I kept on. An inner voice said, "You will kill yourself or someone else." I retorted, "I don't care how many people I kill or if I kill myself; I'm going to kill that man!" Three-quarters of a mile from the place where I was stricken blind, the veil was lifted from my eyes, but something laid hold of my throat like two large hands and passed on down to my lungs, stifling my breath and causing excruciating pain. I drove madly on over a bridge, and as I came to the other side I could not breathe and felt as though I were dying. I plunged forward on the car seat and thought of God. I called, "My God! My God! What is this?" Then He answered me: "This is I. Come unto Me or I will take thy brother and thy sister." My whole life opened before me and I saw how God had spoken to me in the past and had taken my loved ones from me.

So I cried out to the Lord: "Thank you, Lord God! I will do anything you want me to do." At once my lungs were relieved; I could breathe again. As I lifted myself up from the seat I was shouting to the top of my voice, praising the Lord for He had saved me there on the highway. Again came the voice of the Lord, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." I replied, "Lord, I will go." This happened at three o'clock in the afternoon of October 14, 1932.

I continued on toward Modesto. The Voice imperiously commanded me to go to the Pentecostal church "and let no man deceive you." I said, "Lord, I can't go," because I remembered previously when my wife and I had attended a Pentecostal church, I promised her I would never go again. I had said to her at that time: "I'll never set my foot inside of another Pentecostal church because those people are crazy. If I were going to act like a fool I would get out in the backwoods somewhere but not before a congregation of people." But the Lord told me that it was He speaking and not I. Then I remembered I had promised Him on the highway that I would

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do anything He wanted me to do, so I said, "Thank you, Lord, I will go."

Upon returning to Modesto I drove to my sister's place and told her about my conversion. She threw her arms around me and said, "Thank God! I have been praying for you." Then I told her that God said for me to go to the Pentecostal church, and a frown came over her face. I said, "You can turn against me if you want to; the whole world can turn against me if it wants to; but I am going to the Pentecostal church knowing that I have God on my side."

The following Sunday morning I attended the Pentecostal church at 15th and G Streets in Modesto. At the close of the service the preacher dismissed the congregation and told them to come back for the evening meeting, but that did not satisfy me. I rose to my feet, and rushing down the aisle fell at the altar. I said to the preacher, "I am saved and I know it but you folks have something here that I have not got and I want it." And I was back again for the evening service, seeking God.

The next day I was asked to go to a fellowship meeting with the pastor. Now, every worldly desire had left me but I was still smoking except in the presence of the preacher because I thought that it was not the proper thing to do. Upon my return from the fellowship meeting that night the pastor let me off on Seventh Street, and I began to smoke a cigarette as I started walking down the street. Suddenly, as a mighty blast of thunder came the Voice: "Who art thou, O man in Me? Thou art nothing. You are even so little that you can't leave the worldly cigarettes alone. Cast thy cigarette down and thou shalt not thirst for smoke." Great fear laid hold of

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# Anointed for Burial . . .

By Irving F. Ford

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Among the charming stories of the Bible, there is one that has always held a peculiar fascination for folks down through the ages. In the little town of Bethany, very close to Jerusalem, lived two sisters and their brother, Lazarus. Often Jesus resorted to this quiet home, seeking a place to rest when he was tired and weary with the many hard duties of a trying day. On one such occasion these very devoted friends made a special supper party for Him to which they invited many guests. The story is so winsomely related in John's Gospel in the twelfth chapter, verses 1 to 7.

To this supper had been invited the disciples of Jesus and no doubt many friends from the district nearby. In the course of the happy occasion, Mary took a jar of fragrant, costly ointment and poured its contents over the feet of Jesus. With tender delicateness she wiped His feet with her long, flowing hair. How much she had to be thankful for, because from Jesus she and her whole family had received many blessings.

But one of the guests, in fact a very disciple of the Master, Judas Iscariot by name, petulantly blurted out, "What a waste of good money, Mary! This ointment might have been sold and the money given to the poor. But you have just the same as wasted it by pouring it upon Jesus' feet."

At first thought it would seem as if he were right. However, the inspired writer cryptically records the sad but true words, that Judas even though one of the chosen company, deep down in his own heart was a thief. And the fact remains that if the ointment had been sold and the money turned over to him as the treasurer of the group, the poor would have received none of it.

In this simple, touching event, how graciously Jesus Himself accepts the libation of love in its true worth. He sees not the mere material value of the ointment itself, but in the power of the Holy Spirit His eye of discerning faith sees deep beneath the surface and recognizes the spirit of gratitude prompting such a sacrificial gesture upon the part of His thoughtful hostess.

Perhaps you ask, Why did Mary do such a thing?

In the first place it was the custom in the countries of the east for the host to wash the feet of his guests and to wipe them with a towel. What a thoughtful refreshment for tired, aching feet, dust covered from even a short walk to reach the home of entertainment. But Mary, at least vaguely conscious of the worthiness of her very distinguished guest, did not hesitate to anoint His feet with costly ointment and wipe them with the hairs of her head.

And then, Mary and her family had received many and large benefits from Jesus, not the least of which was the restoration to life of the brother of the home, Lazarus, after having been laid away in the tomb. And so she took special pains here to reveal to her blessed Lord, as well as her charming guest, that she was indeed very, very grateful for all the rich benefits received so freely from His hands. As the fragrant odors filled the house, what a beautiful and eloquent testimony to the assembled group that her thankfulness was deep and genuine!

But I believe there was one more reason for her thanksgiving, and this the most outstanding of all. Through the gracious ministry of the humble Galilean, Mary had been redeemed from a life of sin to now enjoy a life of peace and joy and blessing in the consciousness of sins forgiven. In the hot flush of this glorious thrill of freedom flooding her ransomed soul, Mary did not even stop to consider the purchase price of her gift, which had been so painstakingly saved over a period of years. Her heart and soul had already been poured forth in a burst of delightful offering of praise to the One who had saved her from her sin, had brought forth a mighty deliverance from the thrall of Satan, and had set her spirit free. No wonder in this abandonment of joy in ecstatic freedom in spirit, soul and body she should now pour forth this costly ointment without reserve.

Let Judas cavil and object—(and there are plenty of Judases today to tell the overjoyed and exultant Christian brother and sister to soft-pedal their expressions of adoration and thanksgiving in praise and sacrificial service!) "Serve moderately," they advise, "God does not expect us to

spend so much time and energy in prayer and worship and service."

Yes, I say, let Judas remonstrate with Mary. He might just as well say to the ocean to cease to roar, or tell the flowers to withhold their fragrance, or bid the sun to halt its flaming course in yonder heavens.

*"Let those refuse to sing,  
Who never knew their God,  
But children of the heavenly King,  
May speak their joys abroad."*

In the story that I have told you, Jesus made a very significant statement concerning Mary's gracious act of hospitality. "Let her alone (in her desire to thus honor Me)," I hear Him say; "against the day of My burying hath she kept this."

Why did He say this? Because He knew that within a week's time He was going to be falsely accused as a despicable criminal; His back was to be laid bare to the lictor's stripes; His beard was to be plucked from the very roots; and after hours of the most cruel, inhuman torture ever inflicted upon a human body, He was to be hanged upon a cross, a broken mass of flesh and blood, so horribly mutilated that even the features of His face would be actually obliterated. "His visage was so marred more than any other man, and His form more than the sons of men," were the words chosen by Isaiah, the inspired writer, describing this very picture seven hundred years before.

Why, you ask, did men do such a thing? Was Jesus such a wicked man as to deserve such punishment and indignity? No! A thousand times No! His was a perfect life, and the universal testimony of all who even met Him is that He went about doing good.

Why, then, did He suffer so? Would not God help Him? Why would not God stop such dastardly cruelty?

Friend, the answer is plain. Jesus submitted to it all, and God permitted it all *in order that your sins might be forgiven*. And as Jesus, hanging there on the cross, a spectacle to heaven and earth and yes, hell too, cried out, "It is finished!" He simply

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# Compromise or Consecration

By EVANGELIST DON MALLOUGH

It has rightly been said that the most crucial point in one's life is when he comes to the fork in the roads and must choose

between eternal life and eternal death. There is, however, another fork in the road to which we must eventually come after we have been converted and that too will have a great bearing upon our

lives. As a matter of fact this time of choice could be called the most important one after a person has become a Christian. The two paths at this point of decision could be named Compromise and Consecration.

There comes a time in the life of every child of God when the test comes as to whether there shall be an absolute surrender to God's will and plan or if, to some degree at least, there shall be a letting down and the allowing of a spirit of compromise to creep into the life. Just when this shall come differs with the individual. Some may come to the dividing of the ways shortly after being saved; while in other instances it may be one year or longer. Suffice it to say that all must face this crisis, and to be forewarned is to be forearmed. To realize the seriousness of this time of choice will help us to search our hearts and lives thoroughly in preparation to making complete consecration to do the will of our Father.

We must accept the fact that there are many Christians who in the strictest sense of the word are not wholly consecrated. They may be saved but have never found that there are deeper depths, higher heights and broader expanses in the love of God that can only be experienced as one draws very near to the Lord. This type of a person is probably in the majority on the list of Christian people. We naturally compare our lives with others and because

there are so many people that are content with the mere knowledge that they are saved, we seem to think that that is enough for us. In reality that is not enough when we consider the high standard that the Word of God holds up to us. Because the majority do not live up to their privileges in Christ is no indication that we too should fall short of whole-hearted surrender and the yieldedness of our entire being, body, soul and spirit, unto the Lord and to His plan for our lives.

The scriptures declare that it is the little foxes that spoil the vine, and we know it is the comparatively small things that oftentimes hold us back from spiritual progress. Probably all of us have consecrated our will to God in regard to larger things, such as going to the foreign field or to preach the gospel or similar things; and yet some of us have not been willing to give up our little pet desires, or the yen for notoriety and the place of apparent importance, or to choose hardships as compared to ease and comfort. It is in the small things that we find the greatest hindrances to a depth of spirituality and consecration.

The pathways of compromise and consecration offer attractions that are actually opposite to each other. One offers that which will appeal to the deeply spiritual part of man; while the other appeals to the natural longings and desires. One offers a comparative life of ease and the other that of sacrifice. In the pathway of compromise one will be satisfied that he has been saved; while in that of consecration he will never be satisfied as there will always be some one for whom to pray that he might obtain salvation.

In the life of compromise one will be satisfied with "saying prayers" upon arising and retiring; while in that of consecration there will be times of deep soul travail. In one type of living a person will give as little as possible in a financial way and still be respectable; while in the other the Christian will give freely of his possessions and will rejoice in doing it. In one a person will be out of Egypt and into the wilderness; while in the other he will have

gone all the way to Canaan and will have fought its battles and will be enjoying the grapes of Eschol.

We human beings are by nature creatures of habit. As we go along in life we form good and bad habits, the both of which are difficult to break. That is why it can be said that the fork in the road of Compromise or Consecration can be called the most crucial point in a Christian's experience. If the spirit of compromise is allowed to permeate our being for a period of time it soon becomes habitual for us to live on the plane of shallowness and thus it will become practically impossible for us to break off that type of living and to after that consecrate whole-heartedly to God. That is why this point in our journey is so important and why so much hinges upon it.

A certain class of people who read these lines will give assent to the truth herein stated because they have at some time past come to this fork in the road and have chosen the pathway of greatest ease and now find it doubly difficult to do anything else but live a superficial Christian life. The habit of partial compromise has so taken ahold of them that they seem unable to break its paralyzing grip. There are others who have also faced this crisis in their lives but who have chosen to consecrate wholly and now they can but rejoice that in their early Christian experience the die had been cast for entire consecration and they had burned every bridge behind them so that they like Caleb could wholly follow the Lord. There is yet a third class of people and it is made up of those that at the present time face this greatest crisis of Christian experience. At this very time you are torn between the call of compromise (though perhaps it presents itself under a different name) and that of entire consecration. Could you but realize the vast importance of your decision and the great difference as to the life offered in each pathway, I think that in spite of the outcryings of the flesh you will once and for all make complete abandonment of your life to God.

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Don Mallough

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Introducing . . .

# A San Francisco Church

When one contemplates the mercies of God over a period of twenty-eight years he is profoundly humbled. The history of Glad Tidings is fairly well known to many readers of this magazine. It had its beginning in a response to a definite call of God, which came to the present pastor about twenty-nine years ago. God then gave a big promise to him that if he would faithfully obey the call there should be a great reward. God's faithfulness is surpassingly wonderful. It looks now like God's pledge of 100,000 souls might yet be fulfilled.

It is a matter of history that upon his arrival in San Francisco the Plymouth Congregational Church on Post Street opened to him, free of rent. God had gone ahead. This was providentially encouraging. God poured out His Spirit from the very first as a further evidence that he was in the divine will. This was in the fall of 1912. When the Plymouth Church was sold a lease for three years was contracted at 1735 O'Farrell Street, which was the site of Jim Corbett's old saloon after the earthquake and fire of 1906. Here again God visited the work with His mighty power and gave one of the greatest revivals we had seen up to that time. It was at this place on April 23, 1913, that Mary MacCullough became the pastor's wife. She was then to share the burdens and the increasing responsibilities of the work.

The next move was to an old building at 1536 Ellis Street, which because of the mighty moving of the Spirit was to become known the world over. This building to

become habitable needed much repair. Willing hands and hearts soon had it rebuilt and renovated. For ten years nightly meetings were conducted in this place. Hundreds of times the Spirit flowed like a mighty river and many thousands came under its heavenly sway. While here Calvary Mission and the Glad Tidings Bible Institute, about the first Assemblies of God School, had their beginnings. This was in 1919.

In 1924 while still at old 1536 Ellis Street, the six story Bible Institute building was erected amid great rejoicing. In 1925 we felt impelled to remove the old buildings on the rest of the \$27,500 property which had been purchased and erect the fine new Glad Tidings Temple at 1451 Ellis Street. This acoustically perfect structure for nearly sixteen years has accommodated the nightly meetings. The great Sunday School, said to be the largest in San Francisco, is already cramped for room and a new Sunday School building is hoped for in the not distant future. A very recent Sunday the attendance in the Sunday School and the preaching services aggregated some 2300 persons.

Since coming into the present location the GLAD TIDINGS monthly, now published by the District, was edited and published from this center for a period of eleven years. The great Glad Tidings shelter on Natoma Street fitted up for the housing of 450 persons per night was also managed from this center, and this enterprise the saints sustained magnificently. Services continue every night at Calvary Mission, 754 Howard Street.

A recent and valuable addition has been the purchase of a large travel board and sound equipped truck, which is driven over the city daily giving forth its invitational music and message, warning the people that God's judgments are in the earth, that it is high time to repent or perish. And the end is not yet. Praise the Lord!—R.J.C.



## CURRENT DIGEST

By ALBERT J. LEBECK

### Profanity

Mr. A. S. Colburne, president of the Anti-Profanity League, says there is a marked shift in the profusion of swearing. "Women are now taking to cursing the way they took to drinking, smoking, and wearing long pants. It is now fashionable to blaspheme in night clubs."

It may be fashionable but it is still one of the worst of sins, a violation of the third commandment.

### Insanity Increases

During the year 1939 there were 969 cases of infantile paralysis in the State of California. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, there had been 5,673 commitments and 1,364 second commitments to California institutions for the mentally diseased, over seven times as many mentally diseased as had infantile paralysis.

As bad as is infantile paralysis, it is not so bad as a diseased mind, for who would not prefer to have in his family a member crippled with infantile paralysis rather than a member crippled with a diseased mind. Yet the public is awake to the necessity of preventing the one, the least harmful of the two, and asleep to the evil of the other, the most deplorable. And yet the greatest tragedy of all is the disease of the soul for which so little is being done to cure.

### Lawlessness

We are the world's most lawless nation. There are yearly in this country nearly twelve thousand homicides. Previous to the present war there were approximately three hundred in England—about one twelfth of our record if measured on a percentage basis in accordance with population.

And the cost of crime to this country?

Gigantic is an appropriate adjective!

Fifteen billion yearly! Think of it!

Now divide up fifteen billion among our actual workers with a stabilized earning capacity and you will have approximately \$300 per capita.

Pastor and Mrs. R. J. Craig

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# The VOICE of the District Superintendent

"Workers together with Him."

Beloved in Christ:

This month we shall consider *The Case or the Older Minister*. We are living at



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a fast pace; too fast. The younger people overtake the older ones and leave them far behind, in some cases having neither time nor understanding for those of slower pace and more mature years. If we are to be Bible Christians, however, we shall have great respect for people who have reached the later years of life. In Proverbs 16:31 we read, "The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness." Paul's instructions for the proper conduct of those within the Christian household of faith include the following admonitions: "Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren; the elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity." (1 Tim. 5:1, 2.)

Goodspeed renders the first part of this Scripture as follows: "Never reprove an older man, but appeal to him as to a father." True Christian culture will manifest itself in this deference that is shown by the young toward those who are older. Here, especially, in honor we shall prefer one another.

Let those who, in the strength and vitality of their youth, have little time and less patience for older people reflect upon this obvious fact: they, too, will one day be old. Truly time marches on, and, unwanted or not the years pass all too soon; life is so short. The step becomes a little less firm; the voice is not quite so strong; a little less energy is evident and the man who, in the days of his youth was so full of strength and so sure, awakes to discover that he has become old in years.

From one standpoint old age is glorious; from another it is tragic. In the case of the older minister he is able to look back over a lifetime of usefulness and thank

God that he has been privileged to be of service to Christ. He can glory over many battles fought and victories won. But on the other hand there is also the tragic aspect of his later years. Now that he is older he is either less wanted or not wanted at all. There dawns on him the bitter consciousness that he is not needed. Often he is pushed aside or relegated to the sidelines or to a back corner.

In all fairness let it be said that there are some negative characteristics of old age which may fasten themselves upon him unless he exerts constant vigilance and refuses to accept them as they appear. What are they? Let us name a few:

1. The temptation to live always in the past; reminiscing.
2. Failure to keep young in spirit.
3. Growing inability to adapt oneself to new situations and improved methods.
4. Failure to keep mentally awake through constant study and reading.
5. Carelessness in regards to personal appearance.
6. The temptation to despise the young and criticize their methods.

Let us consider some of the positive aspects of those of more mature years. What are the actualities? What are the possibilities? Here are some of them:

1. Wide and fruitful experience.
2. Maturity of judgment.
3. Richness and mellowness of spirit.
4. An understanding and sympathetic heart.
5. A better informed mind; he has had many years in which to study the Word of God.
6. A deeper spiritual experience; he has walked with God longer.

Only this week the writer sat at meat with a lovely family which included a number of young people. They began discussing the kind of a man they wanted their next pastor to be. He must have, so they implied, all the attributes of the perfect minister with none of the frailties of human nature. He must not be a man of older years because if he was, so they said, he would not take an interest in the young

people. But this attitude toward young people is not limited to the older man; it is sometimes a characteristic of younger ministers also.

There are those who assume that because a man has gray hairs and is somewhat advanced in years his usefulness is at an end. Neither statistics nor history bear out this assumption. What are the facts? Some of the greatest work of the world, both secular and religious, has been accomplished by those of advanced age. It is within the ken of all now living that Thomas A. Edison stayed in the laboratory until his death at the age of eighty-four. The scientist Lamarck at seventy-eight completed his great zoological work titled "The Natural History of the Invertebrates." At seventy-nine the writer Oliver Wendell Holmes was still going strong. Tennyson at eighty-three immortalized himself by writing "Crossing the Bar." Victor Hugo did his best work between the ages of seventy and eighty. Jane Adams remained in active charge of her welfare organization, Hull House, until her death at the age of seventy-five. George Mueller, of Bristol, continued to feed and clothe his hundreds of orphans and to preach the glorious gospel of the Son of God until he fell asleep in Jesus at the age of ninety-three.

A moment's reflection will serve to remind us that such men as Dwight L. Moody, R. A. Torrey, General William Booth, did some of their greatest work in their later years.

Shall we not look back to some of the older men of our own movement such as J. W. Welch, E. N. Bell, W. E. Moody, J. T. Boddy, Smith Wigglesworth and many others. Did they cease to be of service merely because the calendar said they were old? I tell you, Nay. Their generation and ours arise to call them blessed.

In closing let me say a word about calling an older man to the pastorate. That board is short-sighted indeed which rejects a man as pastor merely on the grounds that

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## THE BETROTHED VIRGIN

By T. J. JONES

"Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly; and indeed bear with me. For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ" (2 Cor. 11:1-3).

Here Paul writes the Church at Corinth which was a Pentecostal assembly. Certain teachers had entered into the church and were belittling the apostle's ministry. He is compelled to boast and remind the Corinthians of early days.

The figure he used sets forth the love and affection such as should exist between each converted soul and our Lover Lord. He was jealous over them. Jealous with a jealousy of God lest they should lose their love to the Saviour. Look at the word espoused—engaged, betrothed is its meaning. He says he had betrothed them to one husband. When did he do this? That day when he preached Christ to them as he found them in their sins. They became washed and justified, and Paul called it the day of their espousal, that is, their conversion day.

Next Paul states his purpose—"that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." On the day of the Lord's return his delight would be to hand them over to their Lover Lord pure, true, clean, holy, never having lost their love and affection for Jesus. The wedding day of the betrothed virgin, the Church, draws near. May we be kept clean and true till we see Him.

This is illustrated in Genesis 2. The first Adam was put to sleep and God removed from his side that with which He builded a Bride for the first Adam. Even so the last Adam went to sleep in death on Golgotha, and from His blood-streaming side the new Eve is being now builded. Just as God presented the first Eve to the first Adam, so the last Eve is to be presented to the last Adam.

**THE BETROTHED VIRGIN'S PERIL.** Verse 3 begins with a "but." Ominous word, here. Paul fears that the beguiling serpent through his cunning will alienate these Corinthian believers from

# Studies in Revelation

By J. NARVER GORTNER

(Continued from the April issue)

## STUDY XVIII

### THE MIGHTY ANGEL AND HIS

#### SOLEMN OATH

#### Chap. 10:1-7

The time is now drawing near for God's great offensive to be launched against the powers of darkness. Such a blitzkrieg is to be unleashed as no previous decade of the world's history has ever witnessed. And there is no question as to what the outcome will be. The enemy will be utterly defeated, and the stage will be cleared for the setting up of the kingdom of the Son of man.

#### I. The Mighty Angel

Verses 1-3, ending with the words in verse 3 — "as when a lion roareth." The Angel here introduced is, I believe, the Angel spoken of in 8:3 as "another Angel." The Lord Jesus Christ. Look at the description here afforded of Him. John saw Him "come down from heaven" (Gr. *ek tou ouranou*, i. e., out of the heaven). That is where our Lord is now, and has been ever since His ascension. Ps. 110:1; Mark 16:19; Heb. 1:1-3; 12:1, 2. Mark seven things we are here told concerning this Angel.

1. He was clothed with a cloud. Where in God's Word is this asserted of a mere angel? Nowhere. The cloud is probably

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their singleness of affection to Christ. Treacherous are the wily serpent's tactics. He wants to alienate our heart affections from Christ to cause our first love to depart. Satan will stop at nothing to accomplish his diabolical purpose; to corrupt, to spoil us in our love to the Saviour is his plan. Simplicity is singleness of affection, loyalty, artlessness; a love without hypocrisy. Oh, to be kept pure in love with our precious Lord till we meet Him!

**THE BETROTHED VIRGIN'S SAFETY.** In closing may I suggest a path whereby we may be kept safe and pure. Let us long for His presence and meet Him in prayer. Let us read His letters. What love letters they are, sixty-six of them fraught with words to encourage. Let us commune with Him and tell Him often that we love Him because He first loved us. Then shall we be kept undivided in affection till the glorious bridal day.

the same cloud that went before Israel in the wilderness (Ex. 13:21; 34:5; Lev. 16:2). When our Lord ascended the disciples saw Him ascend, "and a cloud received Him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9). The cloud has ever been a vehicle in which Deity has moved. Hence in Isa. 19:1 we read, "Behold, the Lord rideth upon a swift cloud." Read 1 Kings 8:10, 11.

2. He had a rainbow upon His head. The definite article is in many of the Greek texts, and so the R. V. renders it "the rainbow was upon His head." What rainbow? Evidently the one we have already seen as "round about the throne" (4:3). The rainbow is a token of divine goodness; it is a reminder of God's covenant with the earth. When God set the bow in the cloud He called it "My bow,—I do set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between Me and the earth" (Gen. 9:13). The Lord in this vision is descending out of heaven to take formal possession of the earth. Before He can take possession the usurper must be ejected. The ejection will take place as a result of the judgments of the end-time. The object of the terrific outburst of divine wrath in the days of the great tribulation will be the ridding of the earth of all its foes. Hence the rainbow. Read Isa. 63:1-4.

3. His face was as it were the sun. Read Mal. 4:2; Matt. 17:2; Acts 26:13. In the description of the glorified Son of man in 1:16 we read, "His countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength."

4. His feet were as pillars of fire. In the vision of the glorified Son of man His feet appeared "like unto fine brass as if they burned in a furnace" (1:15). Brass symbolizes judgment and fire is an instrument of divine wrath.

5. He had in His hand a little book open. Some have supposed that this little book was the seven-sealed book of chapter 5, the seals having been broken, and the book being now open. Others have supposed that it contained the words spoken of in Dan. 12:9, "Go thy way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end." This vision is concerning "the time of the end." Hence the words are no longer "closed up and sealed."

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# DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## MORTGAGE FUND

Receipts April 17 to May 15, 1941, inclusive:

Brown and E. Pearson, San Francisco	\$3.00
G. Roberts and Full Gospel Church, Los Banos	5.00
J. C. Hummel, Fruite, Colo.	5.00
m. C. Ross, Tulelake	2.00
ta M. Fenton, Cloverdale	1.00
E. and R. Alford, Turlock	3.00
and F. Tacker, Vallejo	5.00
Wm. and G. Anderson, Oakland	2.00
B. Stark, Napa	3.00
a M. Beare, Paradise	1.00
azel Youngman, Lodi	.50
cilia Nixon, St. Helena	1.00
arold Rhodes, Gridley	1.00
and E. McBride, Susanville	1.00
urch of the Full Gospel, Berkeley	10.00
ss Brown, Paradise	5.00
Shannon, Tulare	2.00
L. Snyder, Sacramento	2.50
A. Baird, Alameda	1.00
L. Lassegues, Placerville	5.00
	\$ 59.00
Previously reported	5,140.80
Total to date	\$5,199.80

It is presumed that many will pay their camp mortgage pledges as they come to the District Council and camp meeting, but if at all possible send your remittance in earlier so we can get as much paid on the mortgage beforehand as possible. With our cooperation there is no question but that we can pay off the mortgage as planned as there are sufficient pledges outstanding to care for the balance now due. Praise the Lord! We are counting on you.

Brother H. A. Lindberg of Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco, has purchased a lease next to Brother Carl Olsen, and plans to erect a cottage right away.

## DISTRICT CHANGES

### TRANSFERS IN:

J. C. Morgan, Portola, (Ordained) from Southern Missouri District.

### TRANSFERS OUT:

L. C. Persing, Yuba City, (Ordained) to Oregon District.

Louella E. Nathan, Oakland, (Ordained) to Central District.

## ATTENTION, CAMPERS

Bring your own electric sockets, globes, extension cords, etc., when you come to camp meeting and thus save delay and expense. It is necessary to make a charge when the campground has to furnish these.

# FOREIGN MISSIONS

### • Africa

Brother and Sister H. L. Griffin write of the death of Brother Lindholm who was killed by a buffalo. This faithful brother is greatly missed by the missionaries at Bentongwe, Congo Belge, but are carrying on with the work committed to their trust. They write: "In the midst of difficulties and sorrow we are thankful to the Lord for His blessing and encouragement in the work. At our annual convention at Gombari, another fine group of young men and women followed the Lord in water baptism. In the village of the paramount chief where there is a splendid company of believers, one of the Christian young men was bitten by a very poisonous snake. His friends who were not Christians refused to permit any sort of medicine to be given him, saying, 'He is a Christian; let him pray to God and we will see if his God can save him.' Whereupon a group of the believers cried unto the Lord for the young man's life. That night he enjoyed perfect rest and sleep, and the next morning only the marks made by the snake's teeth were to be seen. Praise the Lord! We wish to thank you dear ones for your faithful support in both prayers and offerings."

### • Central America

Brother and Sister Ralph Williams continue their labors in Guatemala and write from that field: "We have been spending some time in Bible studies. The plan is to hold a course of studies for three or four weeks in a centrally located assembly, gathering in the workers from the nearby churches and new fields. These courses have proved to be a great blessing, for by day the workers are taught doctrine and the general phases of Christian service, while in the evenings special evangelistic services are held which have been the means of bringing in many souls. We held our first course of this kind quite recently in an outlying town with very fine interest. It is indeed a thrill to teach the Way of Salvation to those whom you know will in turn tell the same truth to hungry souls we ourselves may never reach."

### • Fiji Islands

An interesting letter has been received from Brother and Sister A. M. Heetebry who write from their field of service at Suva, Fiji: "God has been encouraging us

of late, and last night we had a wonderful service. Three were gloriously saved, and two mightily blessed and under the power of the Spirit. We had a sweet and impressive baptismal service in the bay near our mission a week ago when five converts were baptized. Three or four more are to be baptized soon. This evening some natives from a village over a hundred miles away came to look us up, bringing a gift of yams, taro and native mat. Last July Brother Heetebry made a little table to be used in their village for a pulpit and this was their first opportunity for them to come all that distance with their 'loloma,' or gift of gratitude."

### • Sailing Postponed

Elsie and Thelma Simpkins have postponed their sailing to Hawaii indefinitely due to the death of their mother who suddenly passed away in Napa on May 17. Services were conducted by Pastor J. B. Stark and District Secretary R. J. Thurmond.

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meant that now your sins and mine have been paid for.

"Then," you say, "I don't have to worry any more about my sins." No, not worry, just commit them to Him, and you too, will be pouring forth your alabaster box of precious ointment of praise and thanksgiving. You, too, will be singing,

*"O happy day that fixed my choice  
On thee, my Saviour and my God!  
Well may this glowing heart rejoice,  
And tell its raptures all abroad."*

## CAMP MEETING CHORUS

(The following chorus has been suggested by Evangelist Clarence Smith as appropriate for use during the camp meeting.)

*"Never failed me yet,  
Never failed me yet;  
This one thing I know  
That where'er I go,  
Jesus' love never failed me yet."*

# SUNDAY SCHOOL News

MRS. BERNICE MAST, District Sunday School Representative  
Morgan Hill, California

## TEACHERS AND WORKERS

The other day I noticed a business slogan which read, "Slam the Summer Slump!" This reminded me that many Sunday Schools complain of a "summer slump"; in other words, a let-down in the Sunday School during the warm months of the year. Some denominational churches even close their doors during this time.



But "summer slump" is a dangerous foe. In reality it is a robber because it steals the gain for which we have worked so hard during the remaining part of the year. Because of its nature it creates a tendency on the part of Christian workers to lag. Therefore, I thought a bit of warning and a word of encouragement would be timely.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," so now for the prevention: Begin now to put forth extra effort to hold your classes. Make drives for new members. Work for new interests in the various classes. Use class outings and get-togethers as incentives toward holding interest, etc.

But the main thing is to pray that God will help you avoid or stop that "summer slump" in your Sunday school.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

I have just received a letter from Brother Marcus Grable, our Sunday School representative and officer at Springfield, and he urged me to remind all superintendents and workers that they are entitled to a copy of the new *Sunday School Counsellor* which is to be a monthly publication now.

He also states: "One feature of the *Counsellor*, 'The Sunday School Superintendent Speaks,' should be in each issue. In this department we are endeavoring to encourage practical consecrated business men to give increased interest and sacrifice

for the Sunday School cause. So we would be very glad to have pictures and stories from successful men who are laboring as superintendents. They should come from widely scattered areas, so an article from California would be in line. Tell us about successful training classes, men's Bible classes, teachers of beginner, primary, junior or intermediate groups, etc. In the *Counsellor* we will be able to use many more pictures than in the *Evangel*, so send them in."

Northern California and Nevada should by all means be represented in this Sunday School periodical, so let's co-operate! Your stories, reports, pictures, etc., may be sent to me and I will forward them to Brother Grable. Thank you!

EVANGELIST BERNICE MAST.

## GOD, GIVE ME A THOROUGHBRED CLASS

*Am I the thoroughbred Christian  
That I want those of my class to be?  
In the days that are now the future,  
Do I want them to be like me?  
God has let me be their teacher,  
I am putting my stamp on their souls;  
Can I help my class reach the Highlands  
If I strive for lesser goals?*

*It's a sobering thought for teachers,  
Aye, a sobering thought to me;  
As my class sets sail on life's ocean,  
Shall they chart their course by me?  
Shall they think the thoughts that I think?  
Shall they say the things that I say?  
Shall they live the life that I live?  
Will it help them on their way?*

*To my class is the task of the future,  
The world's work we'll soon leave in their  
care;  
As a teacher I'll help or hinder  
My class, its burdens to bear.  
For this law is not to be broken,  
And God will not let it pass;  
I must be a thoroughbred teacher,  
If I want a thoroughbred class.*

## OUR CORNER

### DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS . . .

Come to St. Helena, June 24 to July 13; And bring someone else with you. Make arrangements now, and Plan to stay all three weeks.

Many good things are in store for you to Enjoy.

Enthusiasm is running high.

Tell your friends they are all Invited and that

Now is the time to get ready.

God has promised to bless us, so—

Don't you miss it or let your place be Vacant.

Bring your Bibles, and we'll be Seeing you soon.

YOUR SISTER MAST.

## THE BIBLE FARMER

See how many of the following questions you can answer before looking up the scriptures or the answers. (You will find the answers on page 15.)

1. In the book of Genesis who was the first farmer, or "tiller of the soil"?
2. What faithful farm animal did Pharaoh dream about?
3. What animal of the farm was killed when the prodigal son returned home?
4. The crowing of what farmyard bird made guilty Peter remember what Jesus said, and to weep?
5. What farm animal was used at the passover?
6. What animal did young Absalom ride when his long hair caught in an oak tree?
7. Once Jesus said, "She gathers her young under her wings." What barnyard fowl was He talking about?
8. Wealthy King Solomon had 40,000 of what farm animals in his royal stables?
9. What common farm animal is mentioned in the Bible eating the crumbs under his master's table?
10. What tiny creatures of the farm did Samson find in the carcass of a lion?
11. What farm animal did Abraham substitute for young Isaac in the sacrifice on the mountain top?
12. What barnyard rodent eats the farmer's grain?

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# CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS



# WORLD'S ROUND TABLE

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## WHY I AM A CHRISTIAN

By Avis McDONALD

### Third Prize-Winning Essay

Before I explain "Why I Am a Christian," I would like to give Webster's definition of the word: "A professor of the religion of Christ." But we must not only profess Christ; we must possess Him. What a difference there would be if every professing Christian were a possessing Christian!

It is difficult for our finite minds to comprehend the realities of Christ in their blindness. He knows the innermost thoughts of our hearts. And when we cannot find words to explain the regrets for our failures, or when the burden presses upon our beings until we bend beneath the load, He understands and cares. Why shouldn't I be a Christian! In Christ alone I find rest and peace, joy and comfort, help and encouragement, and above all atonement for my sins, a wonderful passport to heaven.

Hope! The world is trying to find something secure, something that will be an anchor while the earth reels and rocks under the ferocity of the devil. In Christ I find that which holds me steady and gives me that satisfaction for which the heart yearns.

In Hebrews 8:13 we read, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever." Our most intimate friends often fail us, but the Lamb of God, never. And this Christian walk is a beautiful walk as we lean upon His everlasting arms.

*Why am I a Christian?*

*I will the answer tell:  
His Blood, the only ransom,  
Has saved my soul from hell.*

*Why am I a Christian?*

*There is no other life  
That will give satisfaction,  
Amid this world of strife.*

*Why am I a Christian?*

*My answer, "Christ" shall be;  
He here is my salvation,  
And throughout eternity.*

## LIFE'S GOAL

By BETTY THOMMEN

In these days of stress and strain in which our lives are filled with conflicting emotions we need a redefining of what the goal of life really should be for a Christian. If we are to have an adequate philosophy of life we must be sure about what we are striving for ultimately. We must see the true goal—know where we are going if we are to travel along the road with confidence. We as Christians too often fail to catch a clear vision of our goal. To us, many times, reaching heaven seems to be the end for which we strive. Yes, that is our desire, but is that all that is before us to attain? Is that the highest point at which we can aim? Is there not something more positive that we can set our eyes upon? As we turn to our Guide Book which our Guide left for us, we find that the ultimate goal of man is to be perfect or complete as the Father in heaven is perfect or complete. This is not just the theme of the Sermon on the Mount, but rather it is the theme of the New Testament. Never does the Bible speak of heaven as the goal of life but often does it command us to be holy and to be like Him. God's whole plan for the Christian

life is for our perfection. Eph. 4:11-12; Luke 6:40; Phil. 3:12-14; Col. 1:28-29.

If we are to be perfect as He is perfect, then the same moral laws that govern God's actions must govern ours. In other words, the moral laws are not rooted in the shifting customs of men but are rooted in God. This gives us real stability upon which to build.

If this is what God expects of us—and His Word clearly teaches it—then why did He not put us in a different kind of a world? God has placed us in a world in which we can develop character. The real strength of character which is needed to attain the high goal of perfection could not be developed if we did not have to fight and suffer pain, overcome environment, rise above our circumstances. Character is not formed in perfect surroundings. Our character is what we make it by our outlook on life, by the goal which we place before us. One of our greatest needs as Christians is discipline, striving to attain, putting off those things that hinder. If we realized that our goal was perfection it would put this much-needed discipline into our lives.

In this day one of the first questions that arises in our minds is, "Is it workable and practical?" Let us stop and consider what would be the effect on a life consecrated to the ideal of becoming perfect as He is perfect. First of all, we would notice a definite change in our daily lives. The work in which we are now engaged would be done better because we are doing it for Christ and as we feel that He would do it if He were in our place of employment. The irritating things that arise would all be part of the scheme for our perfecting, so we would thank God for His help and overcome the trials. If we are in school our studies would be done to the best of our ability. In the home we would be at peace and His love would be manifested.

Is it workable? Oh, yes, fellow C.A.'s, it is workable, but we will have to work at (Continued on page 15)

## SONG WRITING CONTEST

*Only a few weeks remain until the C.A. convention at St. Helena, at which time prizes will be awarded for the best original songs or choruses composed by the young people of our District. Several have entered the contest already, and it is expected that others will exercise their God-given musical talent and co-operate in this endeavor. For complete details and rules of entry, see the April issue of GLAD TIDINGS. Address correspondence to C. A. President Harold S. Lehmann, 598 31st Street, Oakland, Calif.*

# News FROM HERE AND THERE

By ALBERT J. LEBECK, Field Reporter :: 2622 W Street :: Sacramento, California

ALAMEDA—Brother Z. P. Miller of Campbell closed an evangelistic campaign for Pastor R. A. Wilson on May 5. There were times of refreshing from the Lord. One woman who had smoked for twenty years was delivered and found Christ as her Saviour.

ALAMO—Evangelist S. G. Cox of Drumright, Okla., will hold a campaign for Pastor W. A. Frazier, commencing June 8.

BURNEY—"We just closed a two-days fellowship meeting," write Brother and Sister D. L. Brown. "The power and glory of God rested on each service. The closing meeting was one never to be forgotten. One young man was wonderfully saved, weeping his way to Christ, and the saints gathered around rejoicing while this new brother made an open confession of receiving Christ. There were several refilled with the Spirit; also healings."

COVELO—The Lake and Mendocino District fellowship meeting was held May 5 with Pastor Chas. G. Dennis. Sister Daisy Fowler, pastor at Willits, was the afternoon speaker, and Pastor Robert Ray of Ukiah brought the evening message.

ESCALON—Evangelist Irl Walker of Portland, Oregon, conducted a campaign for Pastor Ely Persing during the month of May.

EUREKA—The Redwood District fellowship and prayer conference held May 12 and 13 was well attended at all services. District Superintendent Leland R. Keys, District Secretary-Treasurer R. J. Thurmond and C. A. President Harold Lehmann were the special speakers, and their ministry was much appreciated by all.

LIVE OAK—Pastor H. C. Lafferty reports: "On February 16 we came here where Brother and Sister W. T. Scott had been laboring for about 20 months. God used them in this field in a wonderful way. We have just recently had a campaign with Brother and Sister Wm. TaVares in which God worked in a gracious manner. We saw about 15 weep their way through to salvation. In our prayer meetings which were held in the parsonage, there were five filled with the Holy Ghost. We are praising God for what has been done."

LODI—The North San Joaquin County District fellowship meeting was held with Pastor Stanley McPherson on May 5. Evangelist Irl Walker spoke in the afternoon, and Brother T. J. Jones of San Francisco brought the evening message.

LIVERMORE—Pastor Carl T. Carlin reports that the East Bay fellowship meeting was held May 5, and was a time of enjoyment and blessing. Pastor Walter Smith brought the afternoon message on the subject of "Prayer," and District Superintendent Leland R. Keys spoke at the evening service on "The

## SCHEDULE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

- June 2—Fallon, Nev., Modesto (Bethel), Fort Bragg, Salinas, Oakland (Bethel).  
9—Palo Alto, Grass Valley.  
16—Livingston, St. Helena.  
23—Camp Meeting, Rally Night.

Changeless Christ for a Changing World."

MIDDLETOWN—The North Bay District fellowship meeting was held May 19. Pastor R. E. Ray of Ukiah was the afternoon speaker, and Pastor T. B. Don Carlos of Petaluma brought the evening message.

MODESTO—The Airport Assembly had a revival meeting in May, conducted by Evangelist H. L. Stevens. Brother Ernest Adams is the pastor.

NAPA—The North Bay District C. A. rally was held May 5, and in the absence of Sectional Chairman Hazel MacLeod, was directed by Brother Lester G. Searles of Petaluma. The building was filled to capacity.

OAKLAND (Tenth Street)—Pastor H. J. Ketner reports a nine weeks' revival campaign with Evangelist Oral Hart. The Lord met with His people from time to time. A number were saved, and six received the baptism in the Spirit the last three weeks of the meetings.

(Bethel Tabernacle)—Evangelist William D. Swanson held a campaign for Pastor R. H. Moon during May. Special programs were broadcast over KRE.

(Temple Church)—Evangelists Jack and Esther Martz of Pennsylvania began a meeting with Pastor E. Wm. Anderson on May 18. Brother and Sister Martz are known as the "Singing Evangelists" and God has given them a rich ministry in various places.

ROSEVILLE—Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Perryman of Sacramento held a campaign for Pastor A. A. Lowe during May.

SACRAMENTO—The South Sacramento Valley fellowship meeting was held May 12 with Pastor John Gouveia at the Portuguese-Spanish Mission. The speakers for the three services were: Pastor M. B. Moore of Grass Valley, Pastor C. E. Lebeck of Yuba City, and Pastor Stanley P. McPherson of Lodi.

SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings)—The Youth Revival with Paul Pipkin as the evangelist, was scheduled to run one week but the attendance and interest in the meetings were so gratifying that the services continued for three weeks. Special effort was made to reach the

high school and college age groups. Twenty-two thousand card invitations were distributed and hundreds of large window posters. Brother Gaylord Atwell, C.A. president, stated that from the very beginning the presence of the Lord was very real and the manifestations of His power were evidenced by many professions of faith in Christ. It was the most stirring revival effort the church had known for sometime.

SALYER—"We are glad to report victory," write Brother and Sister Wesley Bliss. "An increase in attendance and more definite interest are very encouraging. There is a revival spirit in the community, and some are coming regularly and taking an interest who have never attended before."

SAN JOSE (Upper Room)—Pastor Max Freimark writes: "We recently had a wonderful series of meetings with Sister Hattie Hammon. The Spirit of the Lord was present in every service in such a gracious, sweet, refreshing and healing manner that we were reminded of the good old former Pentecostal days. There was no vehement urging nor pushing nor pulling for souls, and yet sinners found their way to a glorious experience of salvation. Many others were made hungry for more of God, and He granted them the desire of their hearts."

SANTA CRUZ—A farewell service for Brother P. C. Tacker was held April 27. Brother Tacker plans to enter the evangelistic field.

STOCKTON—Evangelist Jack Opie held a campaign for Pastor E. O. Robeck from April 6 to 20th.

SUMMIT CITY—Sisters Edna Onwiler and Ella Schroeder report that the Sunday School and church attendance have been increasing.

SUSANVILLE—Evangelist F. J. Betts held a campaign for Pastor and Mrs. Alfred McBride during May.

THORNTON—Evangelists Mildred Howard and Hazel Youngman report God's blessing upon the special revival effort in this community. There were 91 in attendance at Sunday School during the meetings.

UKIAH—Evangelist Jack Opie began a campaign with Pastor R. E. Ray on May 11.

WHEATLAND—Pastor Wesley Griggs reports real victory in the assembly. The Sunday School has more than doubled itself in the last seven weeks. The young people take charge of the Thursday evening services. The children of the community are interested in the special boys' and girls' meeting each Saturday afternoon. There were 26 present at the last service.

WILLOWS—Evangelist Paul Pipkin began a campaign with Pastor Vernon Klemin on May 18.

## CLEAN-UP DAY FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Campground, St. Helena  
Monday, June 16

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Men and Boys can put up tents;  
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ing hall.

Everyone come!

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dish will be served.

R. J. THURMOND  
*District Secretary-Treasurer*

## PERSONAL MENTION

The many friends of Brother John Scaggs,  
former pastor at Fairfield will be glad to know  
received ordination at the Southern Cali-  
fornia District Council last month. Brother  
Scaggs is now pastor at King City.

We are happy to learn of the improvement  
the health of Sister Julia Peterson who was  
quite seriously ill for a time.

Pastor J. R. Gould of Clovis reports a recent  
angelistic campaign conducted by Brother J.  
J. Medley in which several sought the Lord for  
salvation. During the special meetings the  
Sunday School attendance reached a new record  
of 207.

Sister Faye Wilhite, wife of Brother Carl F.  
Wilhite of Oakland, passed away on May 6.  
Funeral services were held in the First Pente-  
costal Church of Oakland with Brother R. J.  
Craig officiating, assisted by the ministers of the  
East Bay district. Sincere sympathy is extended  
to our brother in this hour of bereavement.

Word has been received from Sister Lydia  
Marsall, former pastor at Wheatland, that she  
is working for the Lord at the present time in  
Santa Maria.

Brother R. Henke will be supplying the  
pulpit of the Douglas, Arizona, assembly for  
about six months during the absence of the  
pastor.

A good letter has been received from Brother  
and Sister F. T. Alford who are pastoring at  
Laurel, Mississippi. They tell of God's blessing  
upon their District fellowship there; and  
also of the encouraging results of their Sunday  
School effort in the local church, reaching a new  
high of 174 in attendance.

Brothers Leonard Rogers and Guy Renfrow  
began a meeting at North Hollywood on  
May 11.

Evangelist Theodore Ness recently held a  
meeting for Pastor A. G. Osterberg in Fresno.

William H. Nagle, world traveler and lec-  
turer who has spoken in several of the churches  
in this District, was a guest speaker at Bethel  
Temple, Modesto, on May 20.

## ALUMNI ECHOES

Iva Lee Nicholson and Helen Funk,  
both of class of '33, are now engaged in  
evangelistic work in Virginia.

Due to illness Cora Brown '33 is in San  
Francisco. Her co-worker, Bernice  
Schliecker '31, is continuing with the work  
in Lovelock, Nevada.

Vera Shirley '34 is now at home caring  
for her invalid mother. God has blessed  
her in His work in the past, and we believe  
He will continue to be with her in this  
labor of love.

Ernest Lindholm '35 was killed last No-  
vember while on the mission field in Congo  
Belge, Africa.

Juan Cabacunga '37 writes: "I am glad  
to report victory. We are here in Guada-  
lupe in the Santa Maria valley. We hold  
a special Filipino service each Friday night.  
There are many of our people here who  
need this wonderful gospel."

Miss Mae Anderson '35 was married to  
Mr. Albert Strange '31 on April 25. Con-  
gratulations!

The Alumni Association wish to extend  
their deepest sympathy to Brother Carl  
Wilhite '30 who is mourning the loss of  
his wife, Faye McKiddy Wilhite '30, who  
went to be with her Lord on May 6. May  
the God of all comfort sustain Brother  
Wilhite and the little daughter.

We understand that Anna Buchhorn  
'36 was married recently to Eugene Mc-  
Kim of San Francisco.

Don't forget—Annual Alumni Banquet,  
Saturday, June 21, 1:00 p. m., Banquet  
Hall of the Y.M.C.A., 220 Golden Gate  
Ave., San Francisco.

Alumni Member: If you have not sent  
in your contribution to the Alumni Associa-  
tion or written us in the past year, your  
correct address may not be in our files.  
Please write us at once so that we will be  
able to send you a banquet reservation card  
as we do not want to overlook any member  
of the Association.—Wm. A. Weinman.

## Alumni-Graduation Week

June 15-22

- Alumni Speakers
- Friday, 7:30 p.m., Baccalaureate  
Night
- Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Commence-  
ment Night

## Alumni Banquet

and  
BUSINESS MEETING  
of the  
GLAD TIDINGS BIBLE INSTITUTE  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

- Time: Saturday, June 21, 1:00 P. M.  
Commencement Day
- Place: Banquet Hall of the Y.M.C.A.,  
220 Golden Gate Avenue
- Price: 75c per plate
- Reunion
- Fellowship
- Program

MAKE EARLY RESERVATIONS  
Secretary

## REVELATION

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It is useless to speculate. The book doubt-  
less contained a prophetic record of the  
terrible judgements that were to follow  
and the mighty deliverance that was to be  
wrought through those judgments.

6. He set His right foot on the sea and  
His left foot on the earth. Thus He is  
represented as taking formal possession of  
both. Italy says that the Mediterranean  
Sea belongs to her. But in reality it be-  
longs to neither Italy nor Britain. "The  
earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof."  
And He is going to take formal  
possession of it ere long. "Every place  
whereon the soles of your feet shall tread  
shall be yours" (Deut. 11:24). Here we  
see the feet of the Lord treading upon the  
sea and the earth.

7. He cried with a loud voice as when a  
lion roareth. Here is further proof that  
this "mighty Angel" is none other than  
the Lord Himself. Read Joel 3:14-16 and  
Jer. 25:30. These prophecies are about to  
be fulfilled.

### II. The Seven Thunders

"And when He had cried, seven thunders  
uttered their voices. And when the seven  
thunders had uttered their voices, I was  
about to write: and I heard a voice from  
heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things  
which the seven thunders uttered, and write  
them not." The seven thunders should be  
regarded as the response of the throne in  
heaven to the cry of the "mighty Angel" on  
earth. The Son of God had come down  
to the earth in the vision, whereas the  
Father was still in heaven. So here we  
have outstanding evidence that our New  
Issue friends are wrong. The response

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# GLAD TIDINGS BIBLE INSTITUTE

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## GRADUATION

The last month of school is just before us, and amid a flurry of examinations the students are preparing to go their separate ways. Looking back through the past months, we see a year that has been spent profitably for God. Hearts have been drawn closer to Him. God's Word has revealed many precious truths to us, and this Word has become part of us. Many characters have been permanently shaped for Christ through watching His wondrous works in the midst of His people.

For the senior students, one of the greatest events of their lives lies just ahead—commencement. On June 21, thirty students who have worked, studied, and prayed in Glad Tidings Bible Institute for two years will be launching out for God. Many say it is foolish to try to change sinners and pleasure-crazed men and women, but in the hearts of these young people rises the cry that, "Nothing shall be impossible with God!" Christ is the leader, and He is a captain who never lost a battle. These young people have caught the vision of God's great harvest, and the burden for lost souls lies heavily upon them.

We covet the prayers of the district that doors will be opened where men and women have not heard the good news that Jesus saves. Many sections of our country are not as fortunate as California has been regarding the spread of the gospel, and we know that God will use each worker who is willing to sacrifice for Him in this world that we may reign with Him in the world to come.

The Senior Class extends an invitation to you to be present at the Commencement program Saturday evening, June 21. The graduating students are: Mayverine Baker, Helen Boardman, Lois Briggs, Hattie Doop, Helen Fanning, Dolly Gibson, Bernice Huson, Dorothy Huson, Edith Huson, Velma Huttman, Marguerite Keicher, Opal Lesher, Berdetta Manley, Rosia Sauer, Rachel Selstad, Lucille Sledd, Mar-

garet Thomas, Gloria Wilson, Margaret Woods, George Geesey, Oliver Hall, Henry Harris, Orie Jones, Leonard Leisy, Horace McCracken, Russell Pratt, Allen Ranney, Clyde Shields, and Robert Thomas.

This is the final regular appearance of the Bible Institute column in GLAD TIDINGS for this season. We, the Editor and Assistant Editor, on behalf of the Institute, wish to express our farewell and appreciation to the readers of this column.—*Robert Thomas.*

## GREAT NEW YEARBOOK

Hurry! Hurry! Don't delay! Send in your order at once for a 1941 "Tidings," beautiful yearbook of the Glad Tidings Bible Institute. That pile of 800 books, fresh from the press, which once looked so large is disappearing like hotcakes before a hungry harvest crew.

In all seriousness, we assure you it is a book you will be proud to own for its beautiful and appropriate photography and its thoroughly sincere Christian testimony. Whether you may know all or none of the students, we feel that the merit of the work is such that you will find lasting enjoyment and profit in its every page.

And yet one of the outstanding features of this handsome, purple-wash, fiber-covered, sixty-four page annual is that its price is only 75 cents, plus tax. Any student will be glad to receive your order and send a copy to you prior to graduation. Don't hesitate; you may miss the chance!

But while the book is being enthusiastically received as the finest in the school's history, we are giving full honor to God to whom honor is due. For there is not a member of the annual staff who has not been driven to his knees repeatedly to seek strength and aid for difficult assignments or to have the hand of God move for the solution of perplexing problems. It is to God that we give the credit for the harmonious, beautiful, successful production of the "Tidings" of the Malachi class of 1941.—*Horace McCracken.*

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## VOICE

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he is advanced in years. In professional life, especially in the work of a physician, age and experience are decided assets. It is no less so in the Christian ministry, other things being equal. Surely this blessed older minister of God ought not to be rejected merely because he has lost some of his "pep." There is a growing suspicion among us that perhaps after all "pep" is not altogether a *sine qua non* (an indispensable element) of the minister of God. It is conceivable at least that a man of God may be deeply spiritual and a great spiritual leader in the kingdom of Christ even if he does not possess the lightning-like reflex actions of a boy.

This article is not written with any thought of sentimentalism. It is written because of the conviction of the writer that a church is robbing itself of many rich experiences in God when it rejects a man merely because he is "too old."

Let us then respect, love and honor the older minister, giving him all the place among us in our fellowship and in the pastorate of our churches that his mental and physical powers justify. The older man is often the very balance which some assemblies need.

## OUR CORNER

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13. What bird builds her nest under the eaves of the farmer's barn?
14. What long-eared animal does the farmer's child raise for a pet?
15. What bird swoops down to kill the farmer's chickens?
16. What feeding place for cattle became the cradle of a King?
17. What would the farmer use in getting his oxen ready for work?
18. What will make any farm animal move faster?

## OM DARKNESS

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heart and tremblingly I threw the cigarette to the ground.

The following Wednesday at a cottage meeting the Lord met me and filled with the Holy Ghost. I was praying with my head down and the pastor's wife said to me, "God is not below you but is above." And as I lifted my hands in the air, I fell backwards on the floor under the power of God. I beheld a vision of light and saw the Lord on the Cross, crimsoned though by blood. Then I burst forth speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave me utterance according to Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 1:6.

Following my glorious baptism in the spirit I felt the Lord would have me sever ties, so I disposed of my home, my sick, and all my possessions. The following spring I started out to walk twenty miles to Patterson to preach my first sermon. I did not have one cent in my pocket but I knew that God was with me. There was no Pentecostal church in Patterson at the time, but I knew God had called me to go there and preach the gospel. In a year's time thirty-five received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and a large number were saved. During this time I suffered many persecutions. Once I was stoned; other times I was maligned and mistreated. Threatenings were made to take my life, but hallelujah! God's hand was upon me to deliver from my enemies.

During these eight and one-half years I have proven that God is all-sufficient. He has provided for every need of my life. His finger has pointed the way; His hand has opened fast-closed doors. His blessing has been upon the preaching of the Word; and His Spirit has enabled me to live vicariously, trusting Him fully each step of the way. Reader, I can recommend the Lord to you as Saviour, Friend, Healer, and Guide. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

(Editor's Note: At the present time Brother Don Carlos is pastor of the Assembly at Petaluma. In the two and a half years that he has been laboring in this field many souls have been saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, and bodies have been wonderfully healed. But in addition to these spiritual accomplishments the Lord has enabled our brother and his good people to erect a lovely \$10,000 stucco church, a monument to their living faith in a living God.)

Homeward bound people look forward, not backward.

## LIFE'S GOAL

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it. It may be hard sometimes, but what can we obtain in this life that is worth while unless we fight for it? We have to fight that thing in us that would keep us down—fight with all our might and in the Name of the Lord. It is surely the most practical thing we can do in this life to become like Him. You can't lose in this determined march to the desired goal if you put your hand in His and by His grace step forth to win and to reach the goal of becoming like the Master.

Every person who attains things worth while in this world has early set the goal which he or she desires to reach and from then on every thing must bend in that direction. No price is too high—their all goes into that consuming desire to attain the goal. In thinking of the true Christian goal I have wondered what would be the effect on others if we would be caught by the holy desire to let nothing—loved ones, friends, work, pleasure, our personal desires—stand in our way of reaching that Goal above all goals—"To be like Him." Oh, to be lost to all else save the Lord, to be entirely sold out to Him, that all else be lost and we be lost to the world that we might find life, eternal life in His perfection!

## REVELATION

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was a perfect response. Seven thunders. Whether they were uttered in concert or in succession is not stated. Read Job 37:5; Ps. 29:3; 81:7; Jno. 12:27-30. Read also how God "thundered with a great thunder" in answer to Samuel's prayer which was a

prayer for deliverance (1 Sam. 7:8-10). John was not permitted to record what the thunders uttered. There have been those who have attempted to tell us. If God had wanted us to know He would certainly have permitted John to write what he was "about to write." The subject matter of the seven thunders was sealed up, and has remained sealed up ever since. When the time comes for the revelation to be made, God will make it. Until then speculation is a waste of time.

(To be continued)

## ANSWERS

(Questions on page 10)

1. Cain; 2. Cows; 3. Calf; 4. Rooster; 5. Lamb; 6. Mule; 7. Hen; 8. Horses; 9. Dogs; 10. Bees; 11. Ram; 12. Mouse; 13. Swallow, Prov. 26:2; 14. Rabbit, Lev. 11:6; 15. Hawk; 16. Manger, Luke 2:7; 17. See Matt. 11:29; 18. See Nahum 3:2.

## COMPROMISE

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The challenge confronts you now! A choice must be made! Once and for all shall it be to consecrate or to compromise? May God grant that you shall catch a new glimpse of Calvary and like Isaac Watts say,

"Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, MY ALL."

Christian fortitude is untransferable, but it can be had at the same gate where others have procured it.

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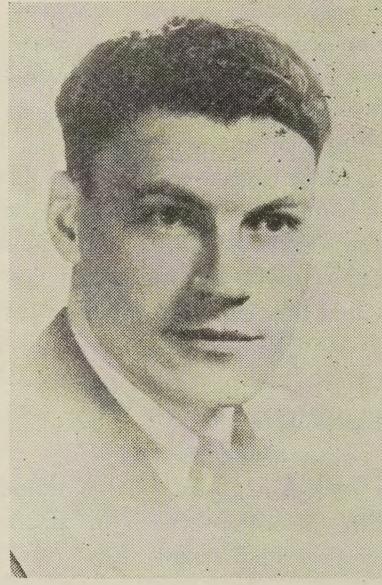
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Brothers Smith and Rogers of the Illinois District will be in charge of the evening services. God has honored their ministry in various sections of the country by giving them many converts. Numbers have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in their meetings. They come to us highly recommended as consecrated men of God and are thoroughly Pentecostal.

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